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3. FYI THE SOVIETS ARE APPARENTLY IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS MADE WITH SOMALIA OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. WORK HAS BEEN PROGRESSING STEADILY ON FACILITIES ALREADY OCCUPIED BY THE SOVIET NAVY AT BERBERA AND ON AIRFIELDS THAT MAY BE EARMARKED FOR USE BY SOVIET LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. THE DECEMBER 1974 VISIT TO SOMALIA BY FLEET ADMIRAL GORSHKOV, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE SOVIET NAVY MAY HAVE BEEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTING THESE 4. THE SUBJECT OF SOVIET PENETRATION IN SOMALIA WILL BE DISCUSSED INTER ALIA BY THE NATO AD HOC INTELLIGENCE WORKING GROUP INCIDENT TO THE PREPARATION OF MC 255-75 IN APRIL. KISSINGER

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